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## **SRS SUPPLIER EXPO HELPS FUEL AWARD-WINNING PROCUREMENT PROGRAM**

Aiken, S.C., May 27 -- The Savannah River Site has nearly 100 strategic suppliers who provide a wide range of products and services, ranging from office supplies to valves for piping. This year's SRS Supplier Expo, which is similar to a trade show, recently gave these vendors an opportunity to interact on site with the end users of the commodities and services they sell.

Interaction with the engineers, mechanics, operators, technicians and other end users at SRS benefits to the supplier as well as the customer. The results of this effort are frequently new or improved products that help SRS personnel perform their jobs more safely and cost-effectively.

Seventy-five suppliers and over 500 employees recently attended the one-day event. Suppliers included McJunkin (valves and carbon steel products), OfficeMax, ChemCentral (chemicals), Howard Lumber (building supplies) and Barrett Supply (plumbing products).

“It's been three years since our last Expo,” said Mike O'Rourke, Supplier Expo Management Chair. “The turnout has been terrific.” The first SRS Supplier Expo was in the late 1990s.

“Innovative events like the Supplier Expo keep SRS on the cutting edge of new and safer technology,” added O'Rourke. “We are constantly looking for win-win opportunities that not only benefit SRS, but the surrounding communities as well.”

Several years ago, an organization was created by Westinghouse Savannah River Company personnel called the SRS Strategic Supplier Council. The council consists of representatives from SRS and area suppliers. It was this group that conceived and implemented the original SRS Supplier Expo. This interactive relationship between WSRC and local suppliers has led to numerous improvements at SRS.

In 2000, WSRC received the prestigious Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence from the U.S. Small Business Administration. This award was developed to recognize large business contractors that have excelled in their use of small businesses as subcontractors. WSRC was judged to be the most outstanding of all "Services" companies nominated from the Small Business Administration's portfolio of 2,500 large contractors

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For additional information about the Savannah River Site, visit the SRS web site at <http://www.srs.gov>.

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NOTE: A photo of the event is available from the media contact above.

PHOTO CAPTION: Over 500 employees and 75 vendors recently attended a trade show style event aimed at improving the products and services purchased by SRS companies.

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